

SCHOOL'S OUT... NOW GET TO WORK!

"School's out for summer!" This Alice Cooper song is an oldie but my daughter's band loves to play it. Everyone is excited for summer vacation from school—going to camp, vacations, lounging at the pool, just hanging out, and getting a summer job. Getting a job?! For most people getting their first job or a summer job can be exciting as well as intimidating, especially when the entire world seems to be in an economic downturn.

What does the economic downturn mean for students who want to work during the summer? Basically there are going to be fewer jobs for which to apply and more people competing for those jobs, including experienced adult workers. It will be more important than ever to fill out job applications correctly, provide a grammatically perfect resume, and prepare for job interviews. There are tips available on the Internet. Check out these sites (or do a Google search yourself):

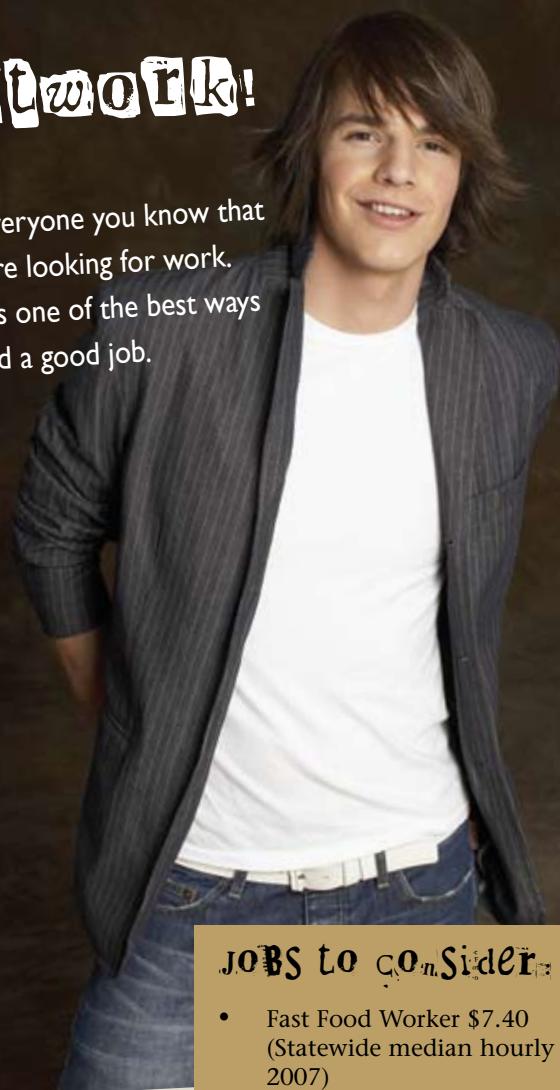
- <http://justforyouth.utah.gov/employment.htm>
- <http://jobs.utah.gov/jobseeker/dwsdefault.asp>
- <http://jobsearch.about.com/cs/justforstudents/a/teenjobs.htm>
- http://www.quintcareers.com/teen_jobs.html

Why work during the summer? Besides the obvious benefit of working—money—having a summer job can help you decide what types of careers you might be interested in. It helps build your resume and gives you some real work experience for when you graduate and have to really start working. Also, it gives you the opportunity to network—developing a professional relationship with people who might be able to help you find job opportunities in the future.

What should you do if you want to work but can't find a job? Get creative—baby sit, mow lawns, or provide other services for friends and neighbors. You might also consider taking an unpaid internship and there are lots of opportunities to volunteer. You will be able to put your internship, and/or volunteer experience on your resume. Plus, sometimes internships turn into paying jobs. ⓘ

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Tell everyone you know that you are looking for work. This is one of the best ways to find a good job.



JOBS to Consider

- Fast Food Worker \$7.40 (Statewide median hourly 2007)
- General Office Clerk \$10.79
- Waiter/Waitress \$7.93
- Maid/Housekeeper \$8.28
- Stock Clerk \$10.49
- Library Assistant \$9.61
- Landscapers/ Groundskeeper \$9.77
- Cleaner of Vehicles and Equipment \$8.87
- Receptionist \$10.06
- Cashier \$8.18
- Customer Service Representative \$12.34
- Retail Sales Person \$9.54
- Amusement & Recreation Attendants \$7.47